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1. WE AGREE SASAKI IS VERY LIKELY TAILORING HIS REPORT OF CHINESE COMMENTS (PARA 3, REFTEL) TO SUIT HIS OWN POLITICAL STANCE. AS NOTED, CHOU EN-LAI CONTINUES IN PRIVATE INTERVIEWS TO STRESS COMMON INTEREST OF THE U.S., CHINA AND JAPAN IN CONTAINING SOVIET POWER AMBITIONS. PUBLIC TREATMENT OF THE U.S.-JAPAN MILITARY RELATIONSHIP ALSO CONTINUES TO SUGGEST A BENIGN IF NOT FAVORABLE CHINESE ATTITUDE. OVER THE PAST YEAR CHINESE

MEDIA HAVE ONLY REPORTED TWO OR THREE INCIDENTS OF PROTEST IN JAPAN AGAINST U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE, AND NO CRITICISM AT ALL OF THE MST.

2. CHINA'S OPPOSITION IN PRINCIPLE TO U.S.-JAPAN MILITARY TIES BUT CONFIDENTIAL

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APPROVAL OF THEM AS A NECESSARY EVIL IS SIMILAR TO ITS TREATMENT

OF THE U.S. MILITARY PRESENCE IN EUROPE AND ELSEWHERE. THIS TREATMENT EMBODIES THE MAOIST DICTUM THAT IN RELATIONS WITH A CLASS ENEMY WHO IS A TEMPORARY ALLY AGAINST A GREATER EVIL, SOCIALIST FORCES MUST EMPLOY A STYLE OF "PART ALLIANCE, PART STRUGGLE." THIS IS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE IDEOLOGICAL FOE-CUM-ALLY IS STILL MOTIVATED BY SELFISH INTERESTS AND MUST HIMSELF SOME DAY BE RUN OVER BY THE ENGINE OF PROGRESS. THUS WHILE CHOU URGES EUROPEANS TO RETAIN U.S. FORCES IN THEIR COUNTRIES, OTHER CHINESE PRONOUNCEMENTS STILL DESCRIBE U.S. PRESENCE THERE AS SPRINGING FROM HEGEMONIC CONTENTION.

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